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SUBJ: MORE TURKISH PRESS REACTION ON HARTMAN VISIT

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1. THE TURKISH PRESS WEDNESDAY (APRIL 23) CONTINUED TO GIVE HEAVY PLAY TO THE VISIT TO ANKARA OF ASST SEC ARTHUR HARTMAN. HEADLINES AND STORIES LARGELY FOLLOWED LINES DEVELOPED IN TUESDAY'S PRESS (SEE REFTEL). THUS, SENSATIONALIST GUNAYDIN'S HEADLINE READ "HARTMAN FAILED IN SECURING CONCESSIONS"; HURRIYET'S READ "WE ACCEPT A MAY DEADLINE FOR THE U.S." AND MILLIYET'S REPORTED "CAGLAYANGIL AND BITSIOS WILL MEET IN MAY."

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2. BOTH LEFT-LIBERAL CUMHURİYET ANBEPRO-RPP MILLİYET

REPORTED THAT THE U.S. WANTED DIRECT TALKS BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY. ACCORDING TO MILLIYET'S ACCOUNT, THIS HAS BEEN AVEPTED IN PRINCIPLE BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT. CUMHURIYET'S STORY SAID THAT "ACCORDING TO OBSERVERS IN THE CAPITAL", THE U.S. MOTIVE FOR SEEKING SUCH DIRECT TALKS IS TO MAINTAIN ITS HEGEMONY IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN.

3. MILLIYET'S EXTENSIVE STORY ALSO STRESSED THAT MR. HARTMAN HAD EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO MEET WITH RPP CHAIRMAN BULENT ECEVIT AND THAT THE MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE WEDNESDAY MORNING IF MR. ECEVIT RETURNED TO THE CAPITAL FROM ISTANBUL IN TIME. ACCORDING TO THE MILLIYET ACCOUNT, MR. HARTMAN HAD TOLD TURKISH LEADERS THAT THE MAJORITY OF CONGRESS NOW RECOGNIZEDRGZHAT A CONTINUED ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY WAS "FAULTY AND DANGEROUS" AND THAT PROGRESS ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE WOULD PAVE THE WAY FOR ITS RECISSION.

4. IN OTHER COVERAGE, SEVERAL PAPERS NOTED A STATEMENT TUESDAY (APRIL 22) BY FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SEMIH AKBIL, WHO EMPHATICALLY DENIED PUBLISHED REPORTS THAT MR. HARTMAN HAD SOUGHT CONCESSIONS FROM THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT. SEVERAL PAPERS ALSO NOTED THAT THE ASST. SEC. WILL RETURN TO TURKEY FROM GREECE ON FRIDAY TO ATTEND THE BILDERBERG CONFERENCE AND WOULD BE IN ANKARA SUNDAY.

5. IN EDITORIAL COMMENT, CUMHURIYET DECLARED THAT MR. HARTMAN WILL LEAVE TURKEY EMPTY-HANDED. CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH HAD THEIR ORIGIN IN SEC. KISSINGER'S ACQUIESCENCE IN THE SAMPSON COUP NOW MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR TURKEY TO GRANT THE CONCESSIONS DESIRED BY THE UNITED STATES, THE EDITORIAL ASSERTED.
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